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AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30111, 30115, 30117, and 30166; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

SOURCE: 60 FR 43061, Aug. 18, 1995, unless otherwise noted.

§ 589.1 Scope.

This part establishes requirements for manufacturers of passenger cars and trucks, buses and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less to respond to NHTSA inquiries, to submit a report, and maintain records related to the report, concerning the number of such vehicles that meet the upper interior component head impact protection requirements of Standard No. 201, *Occupant protection in interior impact* (49 CFR 571.201).

§ 589.2 Purpose.

The purpose of these reporting requirements is to aid the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in determining whether a manufacturer of passenger cars and trucks, buses and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less has complied with the upper interior component head impact protection requirements of Standard No. 201.

§ 589.3 Applicability.

This part applies to manufacturers of passenger cars and trucks, buses and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. However, this part does not apply to any manufacturers whose production consists exclusively of walk-in vans, vehicles manufactured in two or more stages, and vehicles that are altered after previously having been certified in accordance with part 567 of this chapter.

§ 589.4 Definitions.

- (a) All terms defined in 49 U.S.C. 30102 are used in their statutory meaning.
- (b) Bus, gross vehicle weight rating or GVWR, multipurpose passenger ve-

hicle, passenger car, and truck are used as defined in § 571.3 of this chapter.

- (c) *Production year* means the 12-month period between September 1 of one year and August 31 of the following year, inclusive.

§ 589.5 Response to inquiries.

During the production years ending August 31, 1999, August 31, 2000, August 31, 2001, and August 31, 2002, each manufacturer shall, upon request from the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, provide information regarding which vehicle make/models are certified as complying with the requirements of S4 of Standard No. 201.

§ 589.6 Reporting requirements.

(a) *General reporting requirements.* Within 60 days after the end of the production years ending August 31, 1999, August 31, 2000, August 31, 2001, and August 31, 2002, each manufacturer shall submit a report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concerning its compliance with the upper interior component head impact protection requirements of Standard No. 201 for its passenger cars, trucks, buses and multipurpose passenger vehicles produced in that year. Each report shall—

- (1) Identify the manufacturer;
- (2) State the full name, title, and address of the official responsible for preparing the report;
- (3) Identify the production year being reported on;
- (4) Contain a statement regarding whether or not the manufacturer complied with the upper interior component head impact protection requirements of the amended Standard No. 201 for the period covered by the report and the basis for that statement;
- (5) Provide the information specified in § 589.5(b);
- (6) Be written in the English language; and
- (7) Be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

(b) *Report content—(1) Basis for phase-in production goals.* Each manufacturer shall provide the number of passenger cars and trucks, buses and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a GVWR